

RESOLUTION NO. 1010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON,  
URGING VOTERS TO LEARN ABOUT  
REFERENDUM 48 AND URGING CITIZENS  
TO VOTE NO ON REFERENDUM 48.

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WHEREAS, the voters of the state of Washington will have the opportunity to decide whether the Private Property Regulatory Fairness Act, commonly know as Initiative 164, will be enacted by voting yes or no on Referendum 48 due to the initiative signed by hundreds of thousands of voters, and;

WHEREAS, state law allows elected officials to take positions on measures before the voters, and;

WHEREAS, this is a complex measure requiring study by the voting public, and;

WHEREAS, the new law will impose additional administrative costs on local governments without new sources of funding, as pointed out by the University of Washington Institute for Public Policy and Management, which estimates that the economic studies required by Referendum 48 will cost local governments from \$300 million to nearly a billion dollars a year depending on the level of development experienced, and;

WHEREAS, the new law is unclear and appears to extend takings law beyond what is required to protect property rights under the State and Federal Constitutions, as pointed out by the University of Washington Institute for Public Policy and Management, which estimates that Referendum 48 will require local

governments to pay damages of up to \$11 billion that are not required by the State and Federal Constitutions, and;

WHEREAS, the new law is likely to cause additional litigation and impose additional legal liability on local governments without new sources of funding, and;

WHEREAS, a full understanding of land use management and its relation to protecting environmental resources and the quality of life is critical for citizens whose communities are growing and developing at a rapid pace, and;

WHEREAS, the new law will impose new burdens on local government's ability to protect private property, the environment, and the quality of life, and;

WHEREAS, City Council Members, because of their experience in deciding policy related to land use, environmental protection, budgeting, and management are in a unique position to inform voters as to the potential adverse consequences of the new law, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a public hearing on this resolution and considered the facts and opinions presented at that hearing, and;

WHEREAS, the new law's negative impacts on private property, the fiscal health of the community, and the quality of life threaten the future of taxpayers, property owners, residents, businesses, the city, and the state, now, therefore,


THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON,  
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Citizens Urged to Learn about Referendum 48. The Redmond City Council hereby urges registered voters to learn about Referendum 48 so they will cast an informed vote on the measure. The hearing on this resolution and the resolution itself are intended to help educate the public.


Section 2. Citizens Urged to Vote No on Referendum 48. The Redmond City Council hereby urges registered voters to vote no on Referendum 48 for the reasons listed in this resolution. The new law will adversely affect the taxpayers, private property, our city, and our state.

RESOLVED this 17th day of October, 1995.

CITY OF REDMOND

  
ROSEMARIE IVES, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED

  
BONNIE MATTSON, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: October 9, 1995  
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